

FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST

Class Definition

Under supervision, performs skilled and technical fire suppression and prevention activities.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Firefighter Specialist is the technical working level class in the fire service. Assigned to either the Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services, or Fire Prevention and Investigative Services Bureaus, incumbents may drive and operate fire apparatus; conduct fire prevention inspections; test fire equipment; and conduct fire investigations. This class differs from Fire Captain in that incumbents of the latter have full supervisory responsibility for a fire company on a continuing basis. It differs from Firefighter in that incumbents of the latter perform journey level firefighting duties in the protection of life and property.

Typical Tasks

(This list is neither inclusive nor exclusive. Consequently, this information may not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Drives fire apparatus to fire incidents and emergency calls; prepares for pumping operations and pumps water to fire at proper pressure; operates aerial trucks and all devices therein.

Inspects pumping and other equipment to insure that apparatus is in good working condition and notifies Fire Captain of any defects; inspects, cleans, and maintains equipment.

Assists in keeping fire station in a clean and orderly condition; maintains an accurate running log of out-of-service streets and hydrants in the City.

Conducts fire prevention inspections of assigned occupancies and tests fire protection equipment; detects hazardous conditions or violations of fire and building ordinances and laws; issues citations and warnings for violations; may conduct training of civilian and Fire personnel in applicable fire code regulations, fire inspection methods and procedures, and fire safety.

Investigates causes of fires, seeking evidence of arson or of fire code violations; prepares follow-up correction notices and letters pertaining to initial inspections; issues citations of warrants for the arrest of violators; testifies in court on criminal complaints filed by the Fire Prevention and Investigative Services Bureau on offenses against fire laws, ordinances, and regulations.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills

Knowledge of the operation and maintenance of modern firefighting apparatus and equipment.

Knowledge of fire inspection and investigation methods and techniques.

Knowledge of the codes and ordinances pertaining to fire prevention.

Knowledge of fire alarm systems and fire related water delivery systems.

Knowledge of first aid methods and skill in their application.

Knowledge of the geography of the City.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.

Ability to operate firefighting apparatus and equipment.

Ability to maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the public.

Ability to write and speak clearly and distinctly.

Ability to read and interpret blueprints.

Minimum Qualifications

Must be currently serving as a permanently appointed Firefighter with the City of Fresno Fire Department with at least four years of experience in such position, or three years as a permanently appointed Firefighter with the City of Fresno Fire Department and 15 units of job related college courses.

Necessary Special Requirements

Possession of valid Class B California Driver's License, without Air Brake restriction, and with Tank endorsement.

An incumbent hired into the City of Fresno fire service after July 1, 1986 must possess and maintain a current Emergency Medical Technician I Ambulance (EMT I-A) certificate. Required training will be provided by the City.

APPROVED: _____
Director

DATE: _____